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SUBJECT: GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP -- EXPLORATORY TALKS TO BEGIN
SHORTLY

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1. VISITING EUR/RPM OFFICER AND EMBASSY POL/MIL OFFICER CALLED
MARCH 1 ON MFA NATO/CSCE OFFICER FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION ON
POLITICAL-MILITARY SUBJECTS. ON GREECE-NATO TOPICS, MFA INTER-
LOCUTOR SAID THAT SACEUR HAD RECENTLY CALLED GENERAL DAVOS,
HELLENIC ARMED FORCES CHIEF, AND THAT THE TWO WOULD MEET TO BEGIN
EXPLORATORY TALKS IN "ABOUT TWO WEEKS."

2. MFA OFFICER ALSO REFERRED TO FEBRUARY 9 NIMETZ-ALEXANDRAKIS
TALK IN WASHINGTON IN A MANNER THAT INDICATED ALEXANDRAKIS HAD
REPORTED HE HAD BEEN ASKED FOR "CLARIFICATION" OF GREEK VIEWS
ON A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP." MFA HAD INSTRUCTED ALEXANDRAKIS
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TO STATE IN FOLLOW-UP WITH NIMETZ (REFTEL B) THAT GREEK POSITIONS
WERE WELL KNOWN FROM THE JANUARY 1977 PAPER AND THAT DIS-
CUSSIONS SHOULD NOW BE OPENED AT THE MILITARY-TECHNICAL LEVEL.
EUR/RPM OFFICER EMPHASIZED NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO APPROACH
COMING DISCUSSIONS WITH AN OPEN MIND, AND STRESSED THAT USG
UNDERSTANDS GREEK CONCERNS AND IS FULLY READY TO BE OF ALL
POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AS DISCUSSIONS PROCEED IN ALLIANCE FRAME-

WORK. MFA OFFICER REITERATED GREEK WILLINGNESS TO WORK TOWARD
"PACKAGE SOLUTION."

3. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, MFA OFFICER MENTIONED THAT THE
GREEK PROPOSAL FOR NATO COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN GREECE SIMILAR
TO THOSE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN IZMIR HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO SYG
LUNS SOME TIME AGO (REFTEL A). HE WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT
NATO DELEGATIONS HAD APPARENTLY NOT BEEN INFORMED AND WILL
PROBABLY QUERY GREEK PERMREP LAGAKOS ABOUT THIS.
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